



**Compass Advisory Team Meeting
May 19, 2011 in Wisconsin Rapids
Meeting Notes**

1. New members were welcomed to the Compass Advisory Team, including:
 - Lance Burger, WisDOT NW Region Maintenance Engineer (replacing Jim Wendels, WisDOT)
 - Todd Matheson, WisDOT State Maintenance Engineer (replacing John Kinar, WisDOT)
 - Iver Peterson, WisDOT SW Region Signing and Marking Supervisor (replacing Dennis Newton, WisDOT)
 - Dan Raczkowski, Marathon County Patrol Superintendent (replacing Ed Kazik, Brown County)

2. The draft *2010 Compass Annual Report* was reviewed. Comments and edits were requested within one week. The report will also be reviewed by the WisDOT Operations Managers and WisDOT Maintenance Supervisors before being finalized. The final report will be discussed with Compass raters at the annual training and a link to the report will also be emailed to county and staff.

3. 2011 Compass Training Program

Two-Day Introductory Session (Course #8790002):

○ Tuesday, July 19th and Wednesday, July 20th at the Wisconsin Rapids DOT office/Room 124 A&B

One-Day Refresher Sessions (Course #8790003):

○ North Central Region: Thursday, July 21st at the Wisconsin Rapids DOT office/Room 124 A&B

○ Northwest Region: Tuesday, August 2nd at the Washburn County Highway Department Conference Room (Spooner)

○ Southwest Region: Wednesday, August 3rd at the UW-Richland Center Melvill Hall/Pippin Conference Room

○ Southeast Region: Tuesday, August 9th at the Washington County Highway Department Conference Room (West Bend)

○ Northeast Region: Wednesday, August 10th at the Green Bay DOT office/Green Bay & Lake Michigan Conference Room

2011 Compass Training Team:

- Scott Bush, WisDOT (Program Manager)
- Dan Raczkowski, Marathon County (Shoulders)
- Don Grande, Ashland County (Drainage)
- Leif Hubbard, WisDOT (Roadsides)
- Jim Emmons, WisDOT (Traffic Control and Safety)

4. Consider Proposed Changes to the Compass Field Review Process
Modifications to the rating process and training curriculum were discussed. Please refer to the meeting handout for more information.

5. Overview of the 2010 Quality Assurance Study

- Two counties in each region were randomly selected for the QA. Six of the rated road segments in these counties were randomly selected for QA rating. The counties that were reviewed included:
 - North Central Region: Iron County and Vilas County
 - Northeast Region: Kewaunee County and Manitowoc County
 - Northwest Region: Burnett County and Polk County
 - Southeast Region: Washington County and Waukesha County
 - Southwest Region: La Crosse County and La Fayette County
- QA Rating Team
 - Lance Burger (NW Region)
 - Scott Bush (all counties)
 - Jim Emmons (NC Region)
 - Bob Hanifl (SW Region)
 - Leif Hubbard (SE Region)
 - Jim Merriman (NE Region)
- Findings from the QA include:
 - Data variation was noted in some ditch, unpaved shoulder drop-off, shoulder cross slope, and sign classifications. These issues will be discussed at the 2011 training.
 - To safely locate QA segments in the field, all four corners of the segments should be marked with white paint.

6. Update on the Pavement Marking Retro-Reflectivity Pilot

The deterioration curves were discussed for each type of pavement marking. Please refer to the meeting handout for more information.

7. The next Compass Advisory Team meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2012 in Wisconsin Rapids.

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